

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-021

Acreage: 161.9

Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Description

The unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-021 is contiguous to other inventory units that are adjacent to the Powderhorn Wilderness Study Area (WSA), but it does not directly meet the size requirement criteria. The northern boundary consists of private land and road 3018a. The southern and western boundaries are private land. The eastern boundary is road 3018b.

(1) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

Description

The parcel is in close proximity to Highway 149 located to the west. It is also close to Skunk Creek located to the south. The topography forms a large drainage in the center of the unit. The parcel's vegetation includes sage brush, conifer, aspen, and various grasses. There is a road right-of-way in the northwest corner of the parcel. This road is well-maintained. The boundary would better follow this road than the land ownership boundary. This area has also had recent thinning with removal vegetation treatments, although they are less noticeable than the treatments in CO-060-020.

(2) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Description

The existence of dense vegetation and rolling hills consolidated in the center of the unit provides opportunities for solitude.

- (3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

The unit allows for primitive and unconfined recreation such as hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and wildlife viewing.

- (4) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historic value)?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

This parcel possesses high levels of lynx habitat, elk winter habitat, severe elk winter habitat, severe mule deer habitat, and potential sage grouse habitat.

Summary of Analysis

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Result of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Check one

___ The area, or portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

X The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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